

WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
Hilton Inn
Fayetteville, Arkansas
May 22, 1989

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00 REGISTRATION
- 9:00 WELCOME -- CONFERENCE MODERATOR
- 9:15 OPENING REMARKS BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
- 9:30 PANEL: Role of the Federal Government in Water Quality

This panel will consist of representatives from EPA, Corps of Engineers, US Geological Survey, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Economic Development Administration. The panel will discuss a variety of Federal programs or projects available to address water pollution problems. Discussion will include a variety of Federal programs including the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, regulation of hazardous waste, surface and ground water monitoring, research efforts, and Swampbuster.

11:00 BREAK

- 11:15 PANEL: State and Local Role in Water Quality

This panel would include representatives of Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, State Health Department, Arkansas Rural Water Association, and a local Conservation District. Discussion will include state watershed protection programs, State permitting, funding for wastewater treatment, regulation of drinking water, and other work related to water quality.

12:30 LUNCH

- 1:30 PANEL: Treatment of Pollution at Its Source

This panel would include representatives of EPA, DPC&E, a large municipality, Farmers Home Administration, and business concerns to talk about wastewater treatment and other water quality initiatives/requirements undertaken by point-source dischargers pursuant to the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

3:00 BREAK

- 3:15 PANEL: Reducing Agricultural Impacts on Water Quality

This panel would focus on water quality implications of agricultural activities and the effect on farmers. Panelists would include SCS, ASCS, the Extension Service, the University of Arkansas, and local agricultural interests.

- 4:30 CLOSING REMARKS BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT

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